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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents U.S. export and import statistics by air in U.S. Customs district by continent arrangement. Only those districts are shown whose combined exports and imports by air were valued at 2 million dollars or more for calendar year 1964.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons detailed customs district of lading and country and continent of destination data are not shown in published export statistics for selected commodities, referred to as Special Category commodities. The data for individual customs districts and continents, therefore, exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but over-all shipping weight and value totals for exports of Special Category commodities are included in table 1. Effective January 1965, some changes were made in security restrictions, without a corresponding change in restrictions applying to earlier periods. Therefore, the customs district and continent totals for 1965 include data for exports of some commodities which are no longer classified as Special Category commodities beginning in 1965, but which were not included in customs district and continent totals prior to 1965 since they were classified as Special Category commodities at that time. Because of this, and also because of changes in the content of Special Category commodities effective January 1965, the district and continent statistics shown in this report for 1965 are not completely comparable with those for earlier periods. Further information regarding Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics shown for exports to Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments. The statistics shown for exports to countries other than Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50-percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability on a 2 chances out of 3 basis of value totals. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

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Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

Effective July 1965, the airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued $251 and over. With the exception of the value data shown in the column for "All carriers", the statistics shown in table 2 for value and shipping weight reflect fully compiled data exclusively. The value data shown for "All carriers" represent fully compiled data combined with estimated data for shipments valued $250 or less reported on both formal and informal entries, based on a 1-percent sample of such shipments. (Informal entries, by definition, contain items valued not more than $250.)

Prior to July 1965, the airborne general import statistics reflected fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued $100 and over. Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 were entirely excluded from the airborne import statistics. Estimated data for informal entry shipments valued $250 or less, based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments, were included in the column showing value data for "All carriers" in table 2, but were excluded from the other statistics in this table.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Effective July 1965, value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than three percent while value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers.	[2]36,331	(X)	9,872	5,843	14,220	2,487	369	556	[2]189,595	(X)	28,780	17,487	105,778	18,444	5,035	3,080
U.S. flag carriers..	(X)	[2]13,819	4,048	1,535	5,386	1,145	102	214	(X)	[2]74,613	11,449	6,153	39,142	7,673	1,239	1,260
Massachusetts.....	439	225	76	-	334	8	2	1	3,313	1,902	375	-	2,827	57	11	10
Connecticut.....	(Z)	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo.....	217	217	195	-	(Z)	-	-	-	485	485	457	-	2	-	-	-
New York.....	17,997	7,055	1,813	1,289	11,936	1,194	58	451	117,178	44,944	9,199	6,732	89,061	7,434	559	2,272
Philadelphia.....	137	21	4	-	120	4	-	1	714	177	9	-	594	100	-	7
Maryland.....	206	200	12	1	130	23	-	9	803	685	18	4	607	22	-	138
Florida.....	9,315	2,512	4,476	4,330	36	5	(Z)	1	17,236	5,211	6,777	9,794	134	19	(Z)	16
New Orleans.....	567	126	449	53	8	2	-	-	1,210	297	904	196	40	7	-	-
Galveston.....	559	287	212	99	140	47	-	34	2,202	1,100	622	214	887	174	-	261
Laredo.....	183	152	156	5	-	(Z)	-	-	620	546	593	7	-	1	-	-
Los Angeles.....	759	309	152	27	226	244	59	2	8,386	3,049	1,142	228	3,592	2,560	744	21
San Francisco.....	1,312	501	18	22	157	761	216	13	13,753	3,376	81	256	2,560	7,336	3,253	46
Oregon.....	20	20	(Z)	-	19	(Z)	-	-	383	383	1	-	380	2	-	-
Washington.....	252	217	121	1	7	51	13	4	1,611	1,265	787	5	93	163	357	96
Alaska.....	52	41	6	-	11	21	-	-	89	36	9	-	44	29	-	-
Hawaii.....	57	15	3	-	-	33	8	2	270	118	4	-	-	172	53	35
Montana and Idaho.....	50	50	45	-	-	-	-	-	216	216	204	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota.....	164	164	139	-	-	-	-	-	369	369	305	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	6	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	26	26	26	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan.....	288	153	118	-	140	(Z)	3	2	657	378	276	-	323	2	19	19
Chicago.....	2,275	581	982	(Z)	928	92	9	35	10,402	2,509	5,397	1	4,115	364	34	158
Ohio.....	256	1	169	5	10	-	-	-	876	6	751	8	12	-	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	598	489	540	10	3	(Z)	-	-	546	442	470	37	1	1	-	-
All other Customs districts.....	213	154	179	1	14	-	1	(Z)	913	768	370	3	507	-	4	1
Special Category[3].....	407	323	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	7,335	6,326	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

- Represents zero.
D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1]Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2]Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3]Represents shipments of "Special Category" commodities. A list of the "Special Category" commodities is available upon request to the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)[1]								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2] [3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	13,513	(X)	1,918	1,256	8,221	1,949	46	123	95,150	(X)	7,979	2,883	65,293	14,140	476	969
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	6,955	1,150	318	4,258	1,202	7	20	(X)	46,017	4,413	1,165	31,100	8,903	147	289
Massachusetts	223	124	31	-	177	15	-	(Z)	1,257	674	207	-	908	106	-	1
Connecticut	39	39	(Z)	-	(Z)	39	-	-	210	170	1	-	25	169	-	-
Buffalo	14	14	14	-	(Z)	-	-	-	443	399	399	-	1	-	-	-
New York	8,288	4,240	289	213	7,163	538	24	61	68,956	31,305	2,604	1,458	57,503	4,586	127	901
Philadelphia	71	53	3	-	68	(Z)	-	-	424	263	24	-	346	6	-	-
Maryland	135	101	4	1	120	1	-	9	1,619	1,367	70	1	1,449	3	-	21
Florida	1,741	556	738	969	11	24	-	-	3,033	1,613	1,495	1,268	167	38	-	-
New Orleans	223	121	174	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	49	77	26	43	(Z)	2	-	-	19
Galveston	27	23	18	8	1	(Z)	-	-	214	80	81	10	9	1	-	-
Laredo	124	100	124	-	-	-	-	-	89	46	88	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	474	249	25	9	127	308	5	(Z)	4,287	2,001	183	82	1,310	2,259	111	6
San Francisco	783	457	17	4	85	661	15	2	5,825	3,658	167	34	782	4,546	215	5
Oregon	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	11	10	-	-	11	-	-	-
Washington	183	171	20	-	3	159	-	(Z)	2,104	1,973	308	-	58	1,704	-	1
Alaska	57	56	(Z)	-	(Z)	56	-	-	90	85	1	-	3	85	-	-
Hawaii	29	5	19	-	3	6	1	-	291	99	15	-	2	103	22	-
Montana and Idaho	1	1	1	-	-	(Z)	-	-	41	25	22	-	-	4	-	-
Dakota	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	10	7	10	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	(Z)	-	-	-	1	1	(Z)	-	1	-	-	-
Michigan	44	26	8	-	34	1	-	1	214	88	45	-	125	7	-	1
Chicago	626	320	79	1	404	140	(Z)	1	4,748	1,955	1,310	9	2,487	517	(Z)	12
Ohio	23	-	20	-	4	-	-	-	829	-	735	-	51	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	388	285	321	51	15	1	-	-	223	121	119	21	42	5	-	-
All other Customs districts	17	12	12	-	4	(Z)	-	-	155	51	53	-	11	2	-	-

- Represents zero.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data for shipments valued less than $251 reported on formal and informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. flag carriers.

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